(iii) Biotechnology research in the area of vaccine development would be stepped up, encouraging public private partnerships.

(iv) Inclusion of private initiatives in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for inclusive and broad based development.

(v) Involving competent private institutions to provide vocational training to the youth.

(vi) Reforms initiative in agricultural marketing taken by Ministry of Agriculture for amending present State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act (APMC Act) on the lines of Model Act which provides avenues to the private sector for direct marketing, contract farming and setting up of markets in private and cooperative sectors.

(c) The above initiatives taken by the Government facilitate integration of production with marketing through better post-harvest infrastructure and management practices for the farmers. The reforms also facilitate in direct marketing and contract farming with the objective of enhancing the farmer's income. The reforms also bring in rationalization of market fees, dissemination of market information at the right time and better market-led-extension etc. These would help the farmers in the country in achieving better price of their produce.

Compensation to farmers for loss of their crops

†161. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made available funds to the State Governments specially Uttar Pradesh to compensate small and marginal farmers for loss of their crops due to rain, drought and flood during the year 2009-10;

(b) if so, to what extent and level the funds have been disbursed to different States, specially Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has carried out the assessment of the losses of crops in each State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other remedial steps being taken by Government for compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (e) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States with financial and logistic support. There is ready availability of funds with the States under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take immediate necessary measures including relief to the farmers for crop loss of 50% and above as per norms. The Government of India and State Governments concerned contribute to CRF in the ratio of 3:1. If additional assistance over and above CRF is required to deal with natural calamities of severe nature, the same is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in accordance with an established procedure of submission of Memorandum for assistance from NCCF by the State Government.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

The Inter-Mmisterial Central Teams visited the States, which submitted Memorandum for assistance under NCCF and assessed the losses including crop loss suffered due to natural calamities and made their recommendation, on the basis of which the Central Government approved assistance from NCCF. Details of funds made available / approved to the States under CRF & NCCF are given in the Statement-I and II.

Statement-I

Allocation and release of funds from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to States during 2009-2010

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Allocation of CRF		Releases from CRF		Releases	
		Central share	State Share	Total	1st Instal-ment	2nd Instal-ment	from NCCF
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	313.67	104.56	418.23	156.835	156.835	500.00#
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	23.86	7.95	31.81	11.93	-	32.29
3.	Assam	162.80	54.27	217.07	81.40	-	-
4.	Bihar	125.59	41.86	167.45	62.795	62.795	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	94.22	31.41	125.63	92.825 (45.715*+47.11)	-	-
6.	Goa	1.92	0.64	2.56	0.96	0.96	4.04#
7.	Gujarat	224.25	74.75	299.00	112.125	-	-
8.	Haryana	113.39	37.80	151.19	110.69 (53.995* + 56.695)	-	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	84.91	28.30	113.21	21.2275	42.455	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	72.90	24.30	97.20	35.375*	-	-
11.	Jharkhand	106.31	35.44	141.75	104.735 (51.58* + 53.155)	53.155	
12.	Karnataka (83.83+ 500#)	104.52	34.84	139.36	52.26	52.26	583.83
13.	Kerala	77.93	25.98	103.91	38.965	38.965	-
14.	Madhya Pradesh	214.41	71.47	285.88	107.21	107.21	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.	Maharashtra	203.21	67.74	270.95	188.92 (92.155 + 96.765* + 96.765 + 101.605)	101.605	-
16.	Manipur	4.69	1.56	6.25	4.615 (2.265 2.345 +2.35)*	2.345	-
17.	Meghalaya	9.51	3.17	12.68	4.755	-	-
18.	Mizoram	5.55	1.85	7.40	5.39 (2.695 + 2.695*)	-	-
19.	Nagaland	3.22	1.07	4.29	1.6l	1.61	-
20.	Orissa	254.27	84.76	339.03	49.369	-	-
21.	Punjab	133.12	44.37	177.49	66.56	-	-
22.	Rajasthan	378.90	126.30	505.20	189.45	189.45	-
23.	Sikkim	14.78	4.93	19.7	17.39	-	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	190.60	63.53	254.13	47.65	-	-
25.	Tripura	10.83	3.61	14.44	10.675 (5.26*+ 5.415)	-	-
26.	Uttar Pradesh	249.55	83.19	332.74	124.775	124.775	-
27.	Uttarakhand	76.39	25.46	101.85	38.395	-	-
28.	West Bengal	197.93	65.98	263.91	98.965	-	166.869 (128.28+ 38.589)
	TOTAL :	3453.23	1151.09	4604.32	2065.25	934.415	1287.029

@ Installment(s) of Centre's share of CRF for the year of 2009-10 has not been released for want of information relating to crediting of earlier released funds and submission of utilization certificate.

* Arrears of previous year.

\# Released 'on account' basis for flood-09.

Statement-II

Assistance Approved by the Central Government under the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the States for Rains/Floods & Drought for 2009-10

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Rains/floods		Drought	
		Assistance sought from NCCF	Assistance approved by the Central Government from NCCF	Assistance sought from NCCF	Assistance approved by the Central Government from NCCF
1	Andhra Pradesh	3075.83^	$	9747.42	$
2	Assam	-	-	792.60	$
3	Bihar	-	-	23071.13	1163.64
4	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	608.13	88.93
5	Jharkhand			890.31	200.955+ 7.00&
6.	Goa	130.56^	$		
7.	Karnataka	317.07 #	44.30	394.92	116.49
		7195.12^	$		
8.	Kerala	312.13 @	61.36		
9.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	11669.68	246.31
10.	Maharashtra	-	-	15059.64	671.88
11.	Manipur	-	-	22.09	14.57
12.	Nagaland	-	-	119.28	21.12
13.	Rajasthan	-	-	12690.99	1034.84
14.	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	1193.75	515.05

* Subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of respective States.

$ Under consideration.

For heavy rains/floods/cloud burst of March- July/August, 2009.

@ For heavy rains/floods/landslides of May-July, 2009.

^ Heavy rains/Flood of October, 2009

& From Special Component of ARWSP.

% No memorandum seeking central assistance from NCCF has been submitted by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for floods during south-west monsoon 2009.